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December 7, 2004**REMARKS**

In order to expedite prosecution and allowance, the present amendment cancels each of the previously pending claims.

Additionally, applicant provides herein two new claims for the disclosed invention.

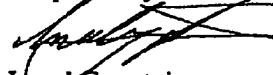
The newly submitted claims are supported by the specification as illustrated by the following examples presented without limitation. For example, *inter alia* the specification discloses "medium protection data" in the illustration of Fig. 3, for example and the description at lines 1-3, 17-19 and 21-22 of page 12. Similarly, "apparatus protection data", such as the first apparatus protection data and the second apparatus protection data, is presented, *inter alia*, by the illustration of Fig. 4 and the description from page 15, line 22 to page 16, line 25.

It is courteously submitted that the features recited in the newly submitted claims are neither anticipated by, nor would have been obvious over, the prior art references previously made of record.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is requested to inform the undersigned if any further issues or questions should arise with respect to the amended and corrected claims.

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